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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The animal rights and protections in NSW have failed and are non-existent. The RSPCA has failed completely to defend and protect animals. They are a charitable organization that has direct links with primary industry. They are under-resourced and their inspectors do not recognise animal cruelty as the laws are weak and they have direct links with animal agriculture.

What is needed to restore faith in our community that animals have some form of protection in NSW is an Independent Office for Animal Rights. This office should be Federally funded and totally independent. The laws need to be made stronger protecting animals and a special branch of say the police force should action the crimes against animals and enforce the laws.

Currently in NSW there is almost non-existent protection for animals. Almost no action is being taken to protect animals and almost no prosecutions.

From memory the RSPCA does not assist any of the hundreds of millions of animals in factory farms or the millions in live experiment laboratories from companion animals from say 50,000 animal abuse complaints only a small number will be investigated and from them a small number will be prosecuted due to paper work, vet costs and evidence required to procure and only about 300 prosecutions made a year. The entire animal rights community has lost faith in the RSPCA due to them failing to protect animals. This has significantly impacted their donations further causing declines in their funding.

The police have powers to seize and protect animals however the police are not trained and do not understand animal rights or animal law. This needs to change as well and animal law should be incorporated into police training.

The community of NSW expects animals to be protected however animals currently have no protection which is a root cause of animal cruelty which is now systemic throughout our state.

Things like killing race horses in knackeries, live export, confining pigs in stows, chopping off tails and teeth with no pain relief, cutting private parts from sheep, for flystrike with no pain relief, chickens crammed into sheds force mauled with no food or water for days to push into another egg laying cycle, fish in factory farms, millions of animals unnecessarily live experimented on, fasting animals to death in gas chambers, killing greyhounds, taking Bobby calves from their mums and in first days of life starving and making them suffer till their cruel slaughter, lack of transparency in factory farms with no CCTV to live stream to public to abuse and cruelty so it is hidden from public view. Like smashing baby goats skulls in with hammers kicking and bearing animals with iron bars and electric prods in abattoirs with no body monitoring or protecting the list of animal cruelty is endless and to hundreds of millions of animals each year on Australia not to mention fish of which no body even cares how much pain is inflicted on a fish.

Our society has lost all faith in animal protection and the least we can do is have an Independent Office for Animal Rights federally funded and a trained police force to enact or new body to enforce these laws with adequate training.